Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Ernakulam)*: The suggestion is some candidates were given big boxes and their opponents small boxes. Was that done?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that occasionally ballot papers put inside the boxes got stuck up in the hole?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: This is the first time that I hear about it. Nothing of that sort has ever come to my notice.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether it will be possible to call for a report from the Election Officers with regard to the complaints about the unsatisfactory condition of the painting of the boxes?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The Returning Officers make a report. Every Returning Officer has to make a report and he has noted everything that was necessary to be noted.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether they have stated that there have been complaints regarding this matter?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: No.

52. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what are the dimensions of the Village Office at Vellarakad in the Talapalli Taluk;

(*b*) how many polling booths were arranged in this office;

(*c*) what are the number of people that was in this office as polling officers, their assistants and the agents of the respective candidates;

(*d*) what is the total number of voters that have to vote at this booth;

(*e*) what is the actual number that voted at this booth?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) 38 feet length, 18½ feet breadth with a portico in front 11 feet long and 10 feet wide. [The Village Office referred to is Chiramangad and not Vellarakad.]

(*b*) 2 booths with 7 compartments.

(*c*) 2 polling officers.
2 clerks.
7 watchmen.
5 agents.
1 Village Parvathiam.

(*d*) General	.. ..	549
Ezhuvas	.. ..	88
Jenmies	.. ..	4
Planters	.. ..	2
		643
(*e*) General	.. ..	285
Ezhuvas	.. ..	48
Jenmies	.. ..	3
Planters	.. ..	nil
Total	..	336

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government is now in a position to say what is the capacity of each of the compartments, whether the Government realise that it is somewhere not fully 6′×6′? I made a statement on a previous day that it was difficult to enter into these compartments.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I cannot say what exactly the measurement of each compartment is.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The measurement comes to $5\frac{3}{8}' \times 6'$. Is it sufficient to keep the boxes and for a person to enter and vote?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is more than sufficient and is even too much.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The dimension is less than 6'×6'. In that compartment, a desk has to be put to place the boxes and then a person has to enter.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There was sufficient space for all these things. This is a place which I myself saw.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I too saw. May I know that some space was left between the wall and the boxes for the watchers to go behind? We did not get the benefit of the full space there. Do you follow my question?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There was sufficient space to go in and vote. I myself went inside and behind the polling booths to see how the slits were arranged and all defects noticed were set right at once. Whenever anything was not alright I myself looked into it and set it right.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ : വടക്കാഞ്ചേരി നിയോജകമണ്ഡലത്തിൽതന്നെ ഇങ്ങിനെ പോഴ"സനലായിട്ട പോയിനോക്കുവാൻ വല്ല കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I never said that it was the only place. I visited a number of polling booths. This happens to be only one among the many.

53. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of invalid votes in each of the constituencies as (*i*) they did not contain the required seal (*ii*) as they referred to other constituencies;

(*b*) who was responsible for the loss to the candidates through these invalid votes;

(*c*) what punishment has been meted out to those responsible for this latches?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) A statement showing the number of invalid votes is appended (Appendix IV).

(*b*) The respective Presiding Officers.

(*c*) Final decision in the matter has not yet been made.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I do not put supplementaries, Sir.

PAPER IN THE LAND RECORDS OFFICE—MISSING OF

54. Mr. K. I. Velayudhan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was anv question in the last Meenam Session of the Legislative Council with regard to the missing of "Alliance" paper in the Land Record Office, Trichur;

(*b*) whether that matter has been brought to the notice of the Government by any other source;

(*c*) if the answer to questions (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have succeeded in tracing out the missing paper;

(*d*) if the answer to question (*c*) is in the negative will Government be pleased to state, whether the enclosed printed invitation letter is of the same paper painted with gambouch;

(*e*) if the answer to question (*d*) is in the affirmative will Government be pleased to state further whether gambouch is also available in the Land Rocord Office;

(*f*) whether Mr. R. G. Krishna Ayyar named in the enclosed invitation letter has any connection with the Land Rocord Office?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu*(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) There was a question about deficits in stock of different kinds of paper in the Survey and Land Record Office. There was no specific mention of "Alliance" paper.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There was no deficit in stock.

(*d*) No. The paper is not the same.

(*e*) Water colour cakes of gamboge are available in the Survey and Land Record Office.

(*f*) Yes. He is the Superintendent of Survey and Land Records.

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